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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language. English-language abstracts are attached.

1. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2001-091494 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

2. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 11-56389 - This document discloses a sensor based on lipid membranes containing bi-layer lipid membranes.

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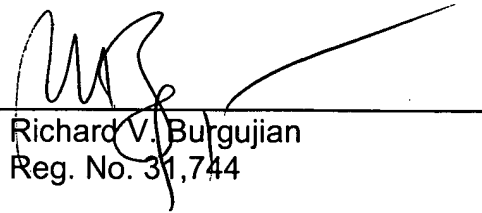
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
2001-091494	04/06/2001	Japan			Abstract
11-056389	03/02/1999	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Yoshio ISHIMORI et al., "Development of an eco-sensor for the continuous monitoring of environmental volatile organic chlorinated compounds", Meas. Sci. Technol., 13, pgs. 1786-1792, (10/3/2002)

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